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SUBJECT: BELGIAN DROUGHT RELIEF MEASURES

1. ON FRIDAY,SEPTEMBER 10,THE GOB ANNOUNCED ADDITIONAL SPECIAL RELIEF MEASURES AIMED AT PROVIDING DROUGHT ASSISTANCE TO BELGIAN PRODUCERS.

THE MEASURES CENTER ON FAVORABLE FINANCING AND CREDIT ARRANGEMENTS,N PARTICULARLY IN THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED DAIRY AND BEEF SECTORS.

2. GOB ESTIMATES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WILL COST ABOUT 9 BILLION

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FRANCS (DOLS 225 MILLION) AND NO SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES WILL BE IMPOSED

ON POPULATION,
AS IN FRANCE FUNDS ARE TO BE RAISED THROUGH VARIOUS SCHEMES,
SUCH AS SALE OF GOVERNMENT BACKED BONDS,PROCEEDS FROM NATIONAL LOTTERY,

ETC.

3. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE LAVENS HAS KEPT EC COMMISSION FULLY
INFORMED OF NATIONAL MEASURES ADOPTED,AND REPORTEDLY COMMISSION
HAS APPROVED THEM AS CONFORMING TO EC AGRICULTURAL POLICIES.

4. ALTHOUGH PROGRAM AS ANNOUNCED FINANCIALLY TOTALS LESS THAN
HALF OF AMOUNT OF DAMAGES CLAIMED BY BELGIAN FARMS GROUPS,
GOB OFFICIALS INDICATED FARM GROUPS ARE SATISFIED WITH PACKAGE.

5. SPECIAL REPORT INCLUDING TRANSLATION OF ANNOUNCEMENT AND
SPECIFICS OF PROGRAM FOLLOWS.
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